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Targets genocide in the Darfur region of the Sudan

Sen. Shafer introduces Sudan divestment legislation



ATLANTA – With bipartisan co-sponsorship, Senator David Shafer (R-Duluth) today introduced Senate Bill 370, implementing the *Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act of 2007* signed into federal law by President Bush last month.

“This bill will make sure that public funds are not invested in companies that sell military weapons to the Government

of Sudan or help finance its campaign of genocidal terror against the people of Darfur,” Shafer said.

Darfur is a region of the Sudan populated primarily by African farmers. Over 400,000 have been killed, and millions more displaced by Arab militiamen backed by the Sudanese government.

Shafer said he approached divestment with caution.

“I understand the arguments on both sides of the issue, and I am not dismissive of the concern about slippery slopes,” Sen. Shafer said. “But I am persuaded that the atrocities being committed in Darfur are of such magnitude that simply doing nothing is not an option.”

Shafer applauded Sen. Judson Hill (R-Marietta) for his early work on the Darfur issue. Sen. Shafer's bill is cosponsored by Sen. Hill, Sen. Kasim Reed (D-Atlanta) and Sen. David Adelman (D-Atlanta), among others.

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View the bill here: [Senate Bill 370](#)

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